

I traveled extensively in North Korea. One of my trips took me both east and west of the site where North Korea claims it tested a nuclear weapon. When I worked in North Korea, I was not focused on nuclear weapons. I was focused on the largest food aid program ever launched by the United States, conducted through groups like Mercy Corps, Catholic Relief Services and the World Food Program. We fed every child in North Korea under the age of 14. I have been to over 50 hospitals and nursery schools in North Korea. The pictures you see here are ones that I took and represent the real North Korea. Outside of its capital, North Korea is one of the poorest countries I have ever seen. If you wonder how the North Koreans can afford nuclear weapons, you can see the price paid right here.



Fig. 84 Kim UnBok, 11, has probably been classified as a member of a "hunger" class and been left without food. As of August 1998, she had lost weight eating "alternative foods" and weighed just 13 kg.



North Korea has rejected basic agricultural reforms needed for the country to feed itself. Kim Jong Gun, 12, weighs just 23 kilograms, half the weight of an average U.S. 12-year old.